IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A thermostat device comprising:

a first valve disc for opening and closing a first fluid channel~~, and~~;

a second valve disc for opening and closing a second fluid channel~~, and constituted so as to open either the first fluid channel or second fluid channel and close the other by making said valve discs move integrally in conjunction with the operation of~~; and

an operating member which operates in accordance with [[the]] a temperature change of [[the]] a fluid and in conjunction with the first and second valve discs to move integrally such that one of the first fluid channel and second fluid channel is opened and the other one of the first fluid channel and second fluid channel is closed,

wherein said operating member has a case which seals in one end side thereof a thermal expansion body having a property of expanding and contracting in accordance with a temperature change[[,]] and ~~retains~~ a piston ~~from the~~ retained through an opening of the other end side thereof in a freely reciprocable manner, [[and]] said first valve disc comprises an outward flange unit provided to the opening on the other end side of said case, ~~is made to be said first valve disc~~ and the outward flange unit is integrally formed in the case of said operating member.

Claims 2-4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (currently amended): A thermostat device comprising:

a first valve disc for opening and closing a first fluid channel~~, and~~;

a second valve disc for opening and closing a second fluid channel~~, and constituted so as to open either the first fluid channel or second fluid channel and close the other by making said valve discs move integrally in conjunction with the operation of~~; and

an operating member which operates in accordance with [[the]] a temperature change of [[the]] a fluid and in conjunction with the first and second valve discs to move integrally such that one of the first fluid channel and second fluid channel is opened and the other one of the first fluid channel and second fluid channel is closed,

wherein said operating member has a case which seals in one end side thereof a thermal expansion body having a property of expanding and contracting in accordance with a temperature change[[,]] and ~~retains~~ a piston ~~from the~~ retained through an opening of the other end side thereof in a freely reciprocable manner, a cylindrical portion for retaining one end of the case constituting said operating member in a freely slidable manner is provided to [[the]] a main frame of the thermostat device, an opening to be opened and closed at one end of said case is provided to a part of said cylindrical portion, and one end of said case is made to be said second valve disc.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A thermostat device according to claim 5, wherein the tip of said cylindrical portion is made to face the inside of [[the]] a passage constituting said second fluid channel, and the inside of said cylindrical portion is made to be a part of the second fluid channel.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A thermostat device according to claim 5, wherein one end of said operating member is a temperature sensor ~~for making~~ which makes said operating member operate in accordance with the temperature of the fluid.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A thermostat device according to claim 1, wherein said piston is disposed along the axial direction inside said case in which the internal end thereof faces the inside of said thermal expansion body and the external end thereof protrudes outward from the opening of the other end of the case, thereby reciprocates in accordance with the expansion and contraction of the thermal expansion body, said operating member further comprises: ~~a piston which is disposed along the axial direction inside said case in~~

~~which the internal end thereof faces the inside of said thermal expansion body and the external end thereof protrudes outward from the opening of the other end of the case, thereby reciprocates in accordance with the expansion and contraction of the thermal expansion body;~~ a guide member disposed at the other end inside said case [[for]] and retaining said piston in a freely slidable manner[[;]], and a seal member disposed at the internal end of said guide member inside said case [[for]] and sealing said thermal expansion body in the other end inside the case~~; wherein~~, said case is formed as a hollow container which has a substantially bottomed cylindrical shape having an opening for inserting said guide member, and a bottomed portion having a spherical inner peripheral face formed at an end opposite to said opening, said guide member has a through hole on the axis line, and the outer peripheral portion thereof is resin-molded in the shape of the inner peripheral shape of said case, and said seal member is interposed between the internal end of said guide member and said thermal expansion body inside said case.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A thermostat device according to claim 8, wherein said ~~case is a hollow container with a~~ bottomed cylindrical shape of said case has ~~having~~ a substantially identical diameter size, said case is constituted so that the thermal expansion body is charged in said bottomed portion side inside said case, and the guide member which the internal end thereof faces said thermal expansion body via the seal member is inserted from said opening of said case ~~opening~~, and said guide member is installed in the inside of said case to be positioned with a locking member provided integrally to the opening of said case.

Claim 10 (new): A thermostat device comprising:

a main frame;

first valve means for opening and closing a first fluid channel;

second valve means for opening and closing a second fluid channel; and

an operating member which operates in accordance with a temperature change of a fluid and in conjunction with the first and second valve means to move integrally such that one of the first fluid channel and second fluid channel is opened and the other one of the first fluid channel and second fluid channel is closed,

wherein said operating member has a case which seals in one end side thereof a thermal expansion body having a property of expanding and contracting in accordance with a temperature change and a piston retained through an opening of the other end side thereof in a freely reciprocable manner, the main frame has a cylindrical portion for retaining one end of the case of said operating member in a freely slidable manner, and said cylindrical portion has an opening to be opened and closed by the one end of said case.